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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGE DROPPED AGAINST FORMER SAN DIEGO CHARGERS PLAYER**

**San Diego, CA:** The City Attorney's Office will be dismissing a domestic violence charge against former San Diego Charger, 25-year old Markus Curry, because key witnesses have refused to cooperate in the prosecution of the defendant.

"After evaluating all of the evidence available at this time, there is not a reasonable likelihood of conviction without the testimony of crucial witnesses who now reside in Michigan, including the victim and members of her immediate family," said Gina Rippel, head of the Domestic Violence & Special Victims Unit. "The City Attorney's Office offered to compensate them for their transportation, but they refused."

On October 31, 2006, the San Diego City Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint against the defendant, alleging that on October 9, 2006, in the Gaslamp Quarter, Markus Curry willfully inflicted a "corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition" on the mother of his child, a misdemeanor in violation of Penal Code section 273.5 (a).

Despite the validity of the charge and the defendant's prior record of domestic violence, the City Attorney's Office will be dismissing the case against the defendant on January 10, 2007, the date previously set for jury trial in San Diego Superior Court, Department #9 at 8:30 a.m.

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